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from four to six pairs of strings and is played with a plectrum — see MANDOLA
mandolin \ˈmændəlɪn/ *adj* : resembling a mandolin in shape — used of rabbits with narrow forequarters and broad and deep hindquarters

man-do-lin-ist \-nəst/ *n* -s : a mandolin player

man-dom \ˈmændəm/ *n* -s [ˈman + -dom] : MANKIND

man-dor-la \ˈmændər,lə/ *n* -s [It, lit., almond, fr. LL *amandula* — more at ALMOND] : a panel or contour in the shape of an almond; *usu* : an almond-shaped aureole : VESICA PISCIS (Christ seated in a ~)

man-drag-on \ˈman,drægən/ *n* [alter. (influenced by *dragon*) of obs. *mandrag*, fr. ME *mandragge* — more at MANDRAKE] *archaic* : MANDRAKE

man-drag-o-ra \ˈmanˈdrægərə, ˈmandrə-ˈgōrə, -aan-, -ˈgōrə/ *n* [ME — more at MANDRAKE] **1** -s : MANDRAKE **2** *cap* [NL, fr. L *mandragoras* mandrake] : a small genus of acaulescent Eurasian herbs (family Solanaceae) with campanulate flowers and baccate fruits — see MANDRAKE **1a**

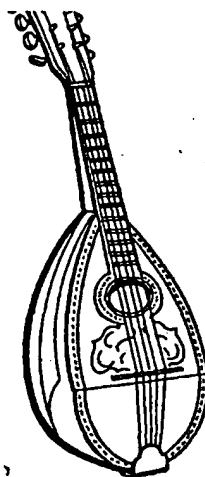
man-drake \ˈman,drāk, -aan-/ *n* [ME, prob. alter. (influenced by *drake*) of *mandragge*, *mandragora*, fr. OE *mandragora*, fr. L *mandragoras*, fr. Gk] **1 a** : an herb (*Mandragora officinarum*) of southern Europe and northern Africa that has ovate leaves, whitish or purple flowers followed by globose yellow fruits which were formerly supposed to have aphrodisiac properties, and a large forked root which has been credited with human attributes and made the subject of many superstitions **b** (1) : the root of this plant formerly used esp. to promote conception, as a cathartic, or as a narcotic and soporific (2) : a solution or draft of mandrake root (as in wine) formerly used as a narcotic (3) : a fake or substitute for this root (as one carved from the root of a bryony) **2 a** : any of several other plants; *esp* : MAYAPPLE **1b** : PODOPHYLLUM **2**

man-drel also **man-dril** \ˈmandrəl/ *n* -s [prob. modif. of F *mandrin*] **1** *Brit* : a miner's pick **2 a** : a usu. tapered or cylindrical axle, spindle, or arbor that is inserted into a hole in a piece of work so as to support the work during machining **b** : a metal bar that serves as a core around which metal or other material may be cast, molded, forged, bent, or otherwise shaped **3** : any of a train of jointed units intended to be pulled through an underground duct as each joint is made to ensure perfect alignment or through a steel pipe in process of welding to ensure a smooth interior **4** : the shaft and bearings on which a tool (as a dental grinding disk or circular saw) is mounted **5** : a temporary interior support for a thin-walled tube (as a tubular steel pile to be filled later with concrete) being driven into something

mandrel \ˈmændrəl/ *vt* -ED/-ING/-S : to turn with a mandrel
mandrel press *n* : a press that drives mandrels into holes prepared to receive them

man-drill \ˈmandrəl/ *n* -s [prob. fr. ˈman + *drill* (baboon)] : a large fierce gregarious baboon (*Mandrillus mormon*) of western Africa with large red ischial callosities and in the male blue ridges on each side of the red-bridged nose

man-drin \ˈmandrən/ *n* -s [F] : a stylet for a catheter
man-dru-ka also **man-drou-ka** \ˈmanˈdrükə/ *n* -s [fr. *Man-druka* (Mandrouka), locality near Bengasi, Libia] : a deep-water honeycomb sponge of close fiber and small root



mandolin



Old World mandrake